

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17  
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to commend Ken Fulmar for his honorable and  
astute service as Mayor of Bartlett.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ken Fulmar is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, He has evidenced his accomplishment in intellectual pursuits as a graduate of Whitehaven High School and as an honors graduate of Mississippi State University in civil engineering; and

WHEREAS, Ken Fulmar served the United States Navy with acuity and alacrity for thirty-five years as an Officer and Engineer, including sixteen years as Resident Engineer in Charge of Construction at Naval Air Station Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Ken Fulmar is a highly respected member of the Bartlett community, serving for many years in various capacities in the City's government, including four years as Mayor, from 1999 through 2002; and

WHEREAS, Beginning his meritorious career in city government in 1977, he served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Design and Review Commission (Chairman, ten years), the Board of Zoning Appeals (Vice Chairman, seven years), the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Planning Commission, the City Beautiful Commission, the Animal Shelter Committee, and the Family Assistance Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ken Fulmar's tenure as an elected official was initiated with his service as Bartlett Alderman, a position he held for fourteen years, and was furthered by his term as Vice Mayor, which extended from 1995 through 1998; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his exemplary tenure as Mayor of Bartlett, Ken Fulmar distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, He proved himself to be an effective chief executive officer for the City of Bartlett, recruiting and retaining a highly qualified, professional group of department directors who tend to the everyday business of the city; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as Mayor, the City's outstanding debt was reduced, while quality services were provided to its citizens without an increase in property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Fulmar has always believed that a city is its people and that every decision, no matter how large or how small, must be guided by a single precept: what is good for the people; he has kept the faith with that single goal and has worked to make this City what it is today; and

WHEREAS, Ken Fulmar's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life, his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense, and his proclivity toward working from sunrise to sunset; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Ken Fulmar is a voice of integrity, an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, epitomizing the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, His many accomplishments aside, Ken Fulmar is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Pat, and their son, Scott; and

WHEREAS, Ken Fulmar is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Ken Fulmar for his honorable and astute service to the City of Bartlett as Mayor and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.